

Chap, XXI/ RISHIS' ENJOYMENT OF BLISS IN
GOD. 473

every holy whisper received into the soul
through the portal
of the ear, they adored Him. Aye, with
every other sense
in them, they struck up a universal chorus,
a song celestial
of praise and a hymn heavenly of glory
unto Him.

Unto Him with their duty to Truth, unto
Him with
their quest for Wisdom, unto Him for the
fulfilment of their
desires, unto Him as the response to His
Love, unto Him
as the radiance of His Peace, unto Him as
the fruit of His
Goodness, unto Him as the embrace of His
unity, unto Him
as the shrine of His Holiness, they bowed
down again and
again with the humble offering of their
over-flowing love,
intense reverence and deepest gratitude.
As the God of Grace, they glorified Him , as
the God

of Mercy, they embraced Him ; as the God
of Love, they
clung to Him ; while as the God of
Righteousness they
bowed before Him. Thus they worshipped
their Blessed
Brahman and Sweet *Satchzdananda* with
their mind's covenant
of faithful, earnest quest of Him, with their
heart's covenant"
of single-eyed, passionate love for Him,
with their conscience's
covenant of dauntless, selfless avowal of
duty towards Him.
with their soul's covenant of undivided, pure
and holy adoration
unto Him, with their body's covenant of
willing, cheerful

service unto Him. As they worshipped Him,
they felt
Him so near and dear, so charming and
engaging, so irresistibly winning and wholly absorbing, that
they lost themselves
in Him.

Thus absorbed, the Rishis realised His
Divine Spirit, His
knowledge. Love and Holiness everywhere
in space and the
universe became to them a veritable
garden redolent of sweet
and ambrosial odours. God's burning
presence made all
matter divine and rendered the earth
heavenly and converted
the whole universe into a vast burning
bush, so that all
Nature was aglow with His divine radiance.
Inorganic
matter seemed to start into life and mute
creation, hitherto
'hopelessly speechless, began to speak. The
sweet rose, the